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As Enacted

SOSCD10 Uncontested primary elections

R.C. 102.02, 3513.02, 3513.30, 3513.301, 3513.312

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No provision.

Provides generally that in an uncontested primary election race, the race must not appear on the ballot and the sole candidate be automatically nominated.

Same as the House.

No provision.

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Specifies the procedures to follow if an unopposed primary candidate dies, withdraws, or is disqualified before the primary election.

Same as the House.

No provision.

No provision.

Eliminates the requirement that the state hold a special primary election to replace a party's candidate for Congress if the special primary is uncontested.

Same as the House.

No provision.

**Fiscal effect: Potentially reduces election costs for both county boards of elections and for the Secretary of State associated with conducting uncontested primary elections. In cases in which a Congressional special election is held, the Secretary of State reimburses county boards of elections for those costs.**

**Fiscal effect: Same as the House.**

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## SOSCD13 Address confidentiality program changes

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No provision.	No provision.	R.C. 111.42, 111.43, 111.44, 111.45, 3503.16 Requires an applicant for the address confidentiality program, which serves victims of certain crimes, to reside, work, or attend a school or an institution of higher education in Ohio.	R.C. 111.42, 111.43, 111.44, 111.45, 3503.16 Same as the Senate.
No provision.	No provision.	Requires the Secretary of State to issue each program participant a program authorization card as proof of the person's status.	Same as the Senate.
No provision.	No provision.	Narrows the type of mail that the Secretary must forward to a program participant to specify that the Secretary of State is only required to forward: (1) first class letters, flats, packages, or parcels delivered via the U.S. Postal Service, including priority, express, and certified mail; (2) packages or parcels that are clearly identifiable as containing pharmaceutical agents or medical supplies; (3) packages, parcels, periodicals, or catalogs that are clearly identifiable as being sent by a governmental entity; (4) packages, parcels, periodicals, or catalogs that have received prior authorization from the Ohio Secretary of State for forwarding under the bill.	Same as the Senate.

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No provision.	No provision.	Clarifies the voter registration deadlines that apply to program participants.  <b>Fiscal effect: Uncertain.</b>	Same as the Senate.  <b>Fiscal effect: Same as the Senate.</b>
<b>SOSCD11 Notary fees</b>			
No provision.	<b>R.C. 147.08</b> Authorizes notaries to set their own fees with regard to certifying acknowledgements of written instruments, administering oaths, and performing other official services.  <b>Fiscal effect: No impact to the Notary Commission Fund (Fund 4120).</b>	No provision.	No provision.
<b>SOSCD12 Electronic notary</b>			
No provision.	<b>R.C. 147.541, 147.542, 147.543</b> Specifies that the requirement that a person acknowledging appear before a notary public taking the acknowledgement may be done through visually appearing through an electronic communications device approved by the Secretary of State.	No provision.	<b>R.C. 147.541, 147.542, 147.543</b> Same as the House.
No provision.	Specifies that an electronic signature, using an electronic communications device approved by the Secretary of State, may be used to acknowledge the execution of an instrument.	No provision.	Same as the House.

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No provision.	Allows for a commissioned notary public to become, at the discretion of the Secretary of State, an electronic notary public by submitting a registration form to the Secretary of State. Allows the Secretary of State to charge a fee of up to \$5 for such registrations.	No provision.	Same as the House.
No provision.	Authorizes the Secretary, with assistance from the Office of Information Technology in DAS, to establish standards for approving an electronic communications device to be used by an electronic notary public.	No provision.	Same as the House.
	<b>Fiscal effect: Potential small gain from collecting the registration fee. The money would be deposited into the Notary Commission Fund (Fund 4120).</b>		<b>Fiscal effect: Same as the House.</b>

**SOSCD8 Ballot advertising costs**

R.C. 395.20	R.C. 395.20	R.C. 395.20	R.C. 395.20
Allows the Controlling Board, upon request of the Secretary of State, to approve transfers from the Controlling Board Emergency Purposes/Contingencies Fund (Fund 5KM0) to the Statewide Ballot Advertising Fund (Fund 5FH0) in order to pay for the cost of public notices associated with statewide ballot initiatives.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.

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## SOSCD14 Voting equipment

No provision.

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**R.C. 3506.01, 3506.06, 3506.07**

Amends the law governing the certification of voting equipment to include equipment that allows a person to vote using an electronic display and then transfers those votes onto an optical scan ballot or other paper record for tabulation. Specifies that such equipment is not considered a direct recording electronic voting machine (DRE) under that law, and removes references to punch card ballots from the law.

**R.C. 3506.01, 3506.06, 3506.07**

Same as the Senate.

## SOSCD1 Precinct Election Officials Training

**Section: 395.20**

Requires appropriation item 050631, Precinct Election Officials Training, to be used to reimburse county boards of elections for precinct election official (PEO) training pursuant to R.C. 3501.27. Reappropriates the unexpended, unencumbered portion of the line item at the end of FY 2018 for the same purpose in FY 2019.

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**SOSCD2 Board of Voting Machine Examiners**

**Section: 395.20**

Requires that Fund 4S80 appropriation item 050610, Board of Voting Machine Examiners, be used for the services and expenses of the members of the Board of Voting Machine Examiners and for other expenses that are authorized to be paid from the Board of Voting Examiners Fund (Fund 4S80).

Requires that moneys not used to be returned to the person or entity submitting equipment for examination. States that if it is determined that additional appropriations are necessary, such amounts are

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**SOSCD3 Holding account fund group**

**Section: 395.20**

Requires that Fund R001 appropriation item 050605, Uniform Commercial Code Refunds, and Fund R002 appropriation item 050606, Corporate/Business Filing Refunds, be used to hold revenues until they are directed to appropriate accounts or until they are refunded, and appropriates additional amounts if necessary.

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**SOSCD4 Miscellaneous Federal Grants****Section: 395.20**

Requires that Fund 3FM0 appropriation item 050624, Miscellaneous Federal Grants, be used to support programs that are supported by federal grants deposited into the Miscellaneous Federal Grants Fund (Fund 3FM0) pursuant to section 111.28 of the Revised Code.

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**SOSCD5 Address Confidentiality Program****Section: 395.20**

Allows the Director of Budget and Management, upon request of the Secretary of State, to transfer up to \$50,000 per fiscal year in cash from the Business Services Operating Expenses Fund (Fund 5990) to the Address Confidentiality Program Fund (Fund 5SN0).

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**SOSCD6 Litigation Related Expenses****Section: 395.20**

Allows the Director of Budget and Management, upon request of the Secretary of State, to transfer cash and appropriation from any fund and appropriation item used by the Secretary of State to the Litigation Related Expenses Fund (Fund 5QE0) appropriation item 050625, Litigation Related Expenses, or Business Services Operating Expenses Fund (Fund 5990) appropriation item 050628, Litigation Related Expenses. The amounts transferred shall be used to pay for any expenses related to lawsuits or legal proceedings against the Secretary of State.

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**SOSCD7 Absent voter's ballot application mailing****Section: 395.20**

Allows the Controlling Board, upon request of the Secretary of State, to approve cash transfers from the Controlling Board Emergency Purposes/Contingencies Fund (5KM0) to the Absent Voter's Ballot Application Mailing Fund (Fund 5RG0) to be used by the Secretary of State to pay the costs of printing and mailing unsolicited applications for absent voters' ballots.

**Section: 395.20**

Same as the Executive but requires, rather than allows, the Controlling Board to approve the cash transfers, and specifies that the money is to be used to cover such costs for the November 2018 general election.

**Section: 395.20**

Same as the House.

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Same as the House.

**SOSCD9 Citizen Education Fund**

No provision.

**Section: 395.20**

Reappropriates the unexpended, unencumbered portion of the Citizen Education Fund (Fund 4140) appropriation item 050602, Citizen Education, at the end of FY 2017 for the same purpose in FY 2018.

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**DASCD38 \*\*VETOED\*\* Funding for voting machine upgrades**

	<b>Section: 610.23</b>	<b>Section: 610.23</b>	<b>Section: 610.23</b>
No provision.	[***VETOED: Amends S.B. 310 of the 131st G.A. to create capital item C10037, Voting Machine Reimbursement, with funding of \$1.0 million to be used by DAS, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to provide reimbursements of up to 50%, but not more than \$250,000, to counties that have acquired new voting machines on or after January 1, 2014.***]	Same as the House, but specifies that (1) reimbursement to counties is based on the number of registered voters in a county as of January 1, 2017, instead of an up to 50% reimbursement basis, and (2) the \$250,000 cap applies only to this specific appropriation.	Same as the House, but [***VETOED: also specifies that the \$250,000 cap applies only to this specific appropriation.***]
No provision.	Requires DAS, in conjunction with the Secretary of State, to issue a request for proposal (RFP) and select not more than three certified voting machine and equipment vendors to implement a unified statewide purchasing or leasing plan.	No provision.	No provision.
No provision.	Specifies that it is the intent of the General Assembly to provide additional funding for voting machine purchases and reimbursement in FY 2019.	No provision.	No provision.